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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled)

7. (original) A computer-readable medium on which is stored a data structure, the data structure comprising:

a first field identifying the data structure as a special data structure; and

a second field identifying a plurality of resources, at least two of the plurality of resources being necessary for a proper functioning of the plurality of resources,

wherein, in response to determining that the data structure is a special data structure based on the information stored in the first field, a service determines whether each of the plurality of resources exists on the computer-readable medium, and if not, delays access to the plurality of resources.

8. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the data structure further comprises a third field identifying a security context in which the plurality of resources may function, the security context being similar to a security context associated with a creator of the data structure

9. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the service launches at least one of the plurality of resources identified in the second field in a process having the security context identified in the third field.

10. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the data structure is transmitted over a transmission medium from the computer-readable medium to another computer-readable medium having another instance of the service.

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11. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the data structure further comprises a third data field including a time at which the manifest file will expire.
12. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the expiration time identifies a time within which each of the plurality of resources must be available on the computer-readable medium.
13. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the data structure further comprises a third field identifying a launch-mode option for executing a particular resource within the plurality of resources.
14. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein each resource in the plurality of resources includes a version identifier, and wherein the launch-mode option indicates that the particular resource should be executed if the version identifiers satisfy a selected criteria.
15. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the selected criteria indicates that the particular resource should be executed only if each version identifier associated with existing resources matches version identifiers specified in the data structure.
16. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the selected criteria indicates that the particular resource should be executed if each version identifier associated with existing resources is at least as current as version identifiers specified in the data structure.
17. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the selected criteria indicates that another resource, other than the particular resource, should be executed if a required condition is not met.

Claims 18-20 (cancelled)